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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

98th meeting.

January 14, 1908.

President Hagner and about 175 members and guests listened to Mr. Barry Bulkley's communication on "F Street Thirty Years Ago." Additional facts were contributed by Messrs. Reiss, Clark, Keefer, Zevely, Saul, Weller, Morgan, Johnson, Hagner and Miss Hetzel.

At the conclusion of the public meeting, the members remained to transact the annual business.

99th meeting.

February 11, 1908.

Mr. Glenn Brown's communication dealt with "The Plan of L'Enfant for the City of Washington, and its Effect on the Future Development of the City." The paper was fully illustrated with lantern slides showing what L'Enfant intended, what the city really was to-day and what the Park Commission proposed by way of bringing it into harmony with the original plan. The subject was discussed by Dr. Morgan, Mrs. Ballinger, Mrs. Richardson and Messrs. Weller, Saul, Dennis, Brown, Bundy and President Hagner.

The Secretary read a letter inviting the Society and its friends to visit the Francis Scott Key Mansion in Georgetown on the approaching 22d of February. President Hagner occupied the chair and the meeting was attended by about 100 members and guests.

100th meeting.

February 22, 1908.

The Society emphasized its one hundredth meeting by a celebration of the Birthday of the Father of his Country, in the Banquet Hall of the Shoreham, from 12.30 p. m. to 3 o'clock. The Hall was decorated with the national colors and a fine portrait of Washington.

President Hagner after a cordial welcome to the 135 members and guests attending, pronounced a brief but glowing

eulogy on the hero whose memory but grows the brighter with the passing years. For the buffet luncheon there were handsomely engraved menu cards and silken banners bearing on a white ground the seal of the Society in blue. The Committee in charge consisted of the President, Treasurer, Secretary, Dr. Morgan and Mr. Weller.

101st meeting.

March 10, 1908.

The Rev. Edward I. Devitt, S.J., Archivist of Georgetown University, made the communication, taking for his subject "Georgetown College in the Early Days." Not only the paper but also the resulting discussion, participated in by Messrs. Weller, Dennis, Hagner, Brownlow, and Mrs. Ballinger, gave many touches of local color and quaint bits of college history.

Resolutions of sorrow and sympathy were read by Vice-President Barnard on the death of Rt. Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee, Bishop of Washington; and by Treasurer Dennis on the death of Crosby S. Noyes, editor-in-chief of the *Evening Star*. There were present 75 members and guests with President Hagner in the chair.

102d meeting.

April 14, 1908.

The first communication of the evening was by Mr. Louis P. Shoemaker on "Historic Rock Creek"; the second, by Allen C. Clark on "The Abraham Young Mansion"; and the subjects were discussed by Messrs. Hagner, Barnard, Weller, Bulkley, Dennis, Clark, Shoemaker and Mrs. Ballinger. President Hagner occupied the chair, there were present about 130 members and guests.

103d meeting.

May 12, 1908.

Present about 180 members and guests, with Vice-President Barnard in the chair. A resolution prepared by Dr. James Dudley Morgan and seconded by M. I. Weller, endorsing the passage of a bill before Congress providing for a suitable memorial to Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant in the City of

Washington, the planning of which was the crowning glory of his earthly work, was unanimously passed by the Society.

The communication of the evening entitled "A Sketch of Francis Scott Key, with a Glimpse at his Ancestry" was by his great-grandson, F. S. Key Smith, Secretary to the Francis Scott Key Memorial Association. A dramatic incident closed the recital of Key's many and varied services to the Government. As Mr. Smith graphically described that night of gloom and suspense when Key and his friend, Dr. Beane, were held prisoners on board the British vessel, the Hall was darkened save for the shaded light by the speaker. As Mr. Key proceeded with the story, he reached the point where the rising sun revealed our flag still proudly flying above Fort McHenry. At that moment a strong searchlight streamed from end to end of the Hall and full in its path, a handsome silk Flag that until then had hung motionless from its standard beside the platform, fluttered out to its full length as if in a stiff breeze: a piece of white magic that was greeted with hearty applause.

Mrs. Beall read a personal description of Key by the late Richard P. Jackson, and also the inscription on a mural tablet in old St. John's, Georgetown, of which Key was the author. Pertinent remarks were made by Messrs. Weller, Barnard and Blakeslee Johnson.

104th meeting.

November 10, 1908.

Vice-President Barnard in the chair, called the meeting to order, and in the absence of the Recording Secretary, through recent bereavement, Mr. William Henry Dennis acted as Secretary *pro tem*. Present about 100 members and guests.

The communication of the evening entitled "History and Reminiscence of St. John's Church, Washington, D. C." was read by its author, Hon. A. B. Hagner, President of the Society, an active lay officer of that church and a son of one of its founders.

Mr. W. B. Bryan then read the minute prepared by him commemorative of Hon. Ainsworth R. Spofford, Vice-Presi-

dent of the Society, one of its founders and strongest supporters, famous for years as Librarian of Congress, and deceased since the last public meeting of the Society. The reading was followed by tributes from Hon. F. W. Hackett, Col. Henry F. Blount, Mr. M. I. Weller and by President Hagner, who also remarked that he had taken part earlier in the day, in the election of Rev. Alfred Harding, D.D., as Bishop of Washington, in succession to a deceased member of the Society, Rt. Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee.

105th meeting.

December 8, 1908.

President Hagner announced that owing to various adverse circumstances, the memorial sketch and reminiscences of Hon. A. R. Spofford, LL.D., announced on the programme, would have to be deferred until the January meeting. Mr. Amos Burr Casselman then made his communication on "The Virginia Portion of the District of Columbia." President Hagner, Mrs. Ballinger, Dr. Morgan and Messrs. Dennis, Lansburgh and Williams took part in the resulting discussion.

Present about 60 members and guests.

106th meeting.

January 12, 1909.

Present about 50 members and guests, with President Hagner in the chair.

The first communication of the evening was "A Memorial Sketch of the Hon. A. R. Spofford, LL.D.," by the Hon. Charles H. Butler; and the second was "Reminiscences of her Father," by Miss Florence P. Spofford, read at her request by the Secretary. Mr. M. I. Weller related a most characteristic anecdote of Dr. Spofford; and on motion of the Secretary seconded by the Treasurer, it was resolved to include the two communications in volume 12, 1908, of "The Records."